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FOR: BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE CONJUGATES HAVING A DETECTABLE REPORTER MOIETY AND METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION OF SAID DERIVATIVE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

January 31, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action (Paper No. 9) mailed October 1, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A biologically active conjugate derivative having the following general formula (I)

FE – L – M (I)

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